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Weekly Views

Have you ever wanted just five minutes of time with an Executive Staff member? Now, here is your chance to win 60 whole minutes with them! Bid to win lunch with the Exec Staff member of your choice. Available members include Commissioner Lemmon; Deputy Commissioners Amanda Copeland, James Basinger, and Randy Koester; Chief Counsel Bob Bugher; Chief Financial Officer Andy Pritchard; Chief Communications Officer Doug Garrison; and Executive Directors Michael Dempsey, Richard Curry, Aaron Garner, Julie Lanham, Michael Osburn, Jerry Vance, and John Bayse. To bid, contact Maranda Weliver (mweliver@idoc.IN.gov) and Alexis Dean (adean@idoc.IN.gov).

Staff at the Putnamville Correctional Facility hosted an SECC Bake Sale. Thanks to the delectable donations from staff and the sales abilities of Secretary Andrea Moore, Caseworker Josie Love, and many others, over \$141 was raised for donation to the Putnam County Humane Society (photo left).

American Legion Post 130 at Indiana State Prison hosted American Legion Post 363 from Lakeville, IN for their annual softball event, winning both games. Post 130 also hosted the American Legion 3rd District meeting in the Chapel. In attendance were 31 outside guests, which included Edward Trice, American Legion Department Commander, Kenneth Heckathorn, 3rd District Commander and Mike Miller, 3rd District Sal Commander. 108 offenders were in attendance for the meeting. Dinner from Kentucky Fried Chicken was served and door prizes were given to the guests.

Former Cleveland Browns running back William Green (photo right) was a very big hit at the Bill Glass Ministries Weekend of Champions at Camp Summit. He spoke of how his abuse of drugs and alcohol ruined his successful pro football career. He shared how he was eventually able to overcome his problems and make a difference. Throughout the event, students were treated to entertainment

and testimonials from entertainers and athletes about positive changes made in their lives and how they were able to overcome adversity. Students also enjoyed the Blud Brothers band. The members of the band also spoke to students while they were playing.

RTV 6 Reporter Stephen Dean visited the Pendleton Correctional Facility regarding a story he is preparing in connection with the issue of cell phones in correctional facilities. Interviews were conducted with IDOC Communications Chief Doug Garrison, Superintendent Dushan Zatecky, Assistant Superintendent of Operations Duane Alsip, PCF Correctional Police Officer Tom Francum, and PCF K-9 Field Commander Lieutenant Donald Mockler. Mr. Dean was provided with information relative to the various initiatives and strategies that are being utilized to address this issue. K-9 Handlers from PCF and the New Castle Correctional Facility provided cell search demonstrations by canines trained to detect cell phones.

Commissioner Lemmon accompanied the Governor's Chief of Staff, Bill Smith, on a tour of DNR forestry properties that DOC has helped remodel or build during recent years. DNR Commissioner Cameron Clark led the tour, and was accompanied by DNR Director of Forestry, John Seifert, and DOC Director of Construction Services, Kevin Orme.

The Reception-Diagnostic Center recently hosted a group of students from Ivy Tech Community College. Twenty students from a criminal justice class toured the facility and learned about the DOC intake process.

J Pay Regional Account Manager Michele Paige visited the Pendleton Correctional Facility to train staff and offenders in connection with the new J Pay Kiosk System that has been implemented at the facility. Kiosk services for offenders will include email, videograms, and video visitation.

Pet Supplies "Plus", at the Indiana Noblesville and Broad Ripple locations, will host a dog wash on Saturday, November 2 and Sunday, November 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come one, come all. Bring your dogs, large or small, to the annual event sponsored by the Prison Greyhound program. For a donation of \$10 (wash) and \$6 (nail trim) volunteers from Northview Church in Carmel will bathe, dry, and trim your dog.

Join Team DOC at the Wine at the Line race in Bargersville to benefit the Johnson Memorial Hospital Foundation. Tomorrow's event begins at 4:00 p.m., but you may want to arrive early because it is always popular and a bit crowded. More information, including a course map, is available online at <http://mallowrun.com/wine-at-the-line/>.



Stanley Knight's "Team Beast" from the Putnamville Correctional Facility won its 4th consecutive first place title during the IDOC Softball championship on Saturday, September 28 at Hummel Park in Plainfield, IN. A triple play in the first inning led the champions to a 6-0 record defeating Westville, Plainfield, Madison Juvenile, Wabash Valley and Miami.